GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
RAILWAYS
LOK SABHA

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UNMANNING OF MANNED LEVEL CROSSINGS
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Will the Minister of RAILWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) Whether some of the manned railway crossings are made unmanned;

(b) If so, the details thereof alongwith the reasons therefor;

(c) Whether railway crossing at Khareta Anandpur Sahib, Punjab is not opened for common man and people have to travel 15 Km. distance to reach the place which is just one Km. away;

(d) If so, the reasons therefor; and

(e) The action taken by the Railways for opening of the said level crossing for public?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS (SHRI R. VELU)

(a) & (b) Yes, Sir. During the period 2001-02 to 2005-06 Railways have converted 27 manned level crossings into unmanned. In another 9 cases State Governments have been requested to give their consent for conversion of manned level crossings into unmanned. The consent of the State Govt. in these cases has not been received so far.

(c)&(d) Yes Sir. The said canal crossing (Level Crossing) is not open for general public. The level crossing at Khareta Anandpur Sahib, Punjab is a canal crossing and is provided for inspection of Nangal - Hydel channel near Bharatgarh - Kharota on the road constructed on one of the banks. This canal crossing is utilized and controlled by Bhakra Beas Management Board. The canal crossing is normally kept closed by the Bhakra Beas Management Board and is opened only when required by them.

(e) The canal crossing controlled by Bhakra Beas Management Board Authorities is used by them for access for service & routine maintenance. Railway may man the level crossing gate on deposit terms if the State Govt. of Punjab approaches the Bhakra Beas Management Board for opening of the level crossing for public use and the Bhakra Beas Management Board agrees to such a proposal and proposes to deposit the entire capitalized cost of manning of the level crossing.